

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. Please replace paragraph [0027] beginning page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] A known method for validating an authorization for locking or unlocking and/or using an object is described in greater detail below with reference to an example of a security apparatus 2—which is implemented in a motor vehicle 1 and prevents unauthorized access or prevents unauthorized use, with reference to the picture in Figure 11. A security apparatus 2 which comprises a control device S and in this instance four transmit and receive units SE_i , SE_1 to SE_3 is provided in the motor vehicle 1. The control device S controls the four transmit and receive units SE_i , SE_1 to SE_3 for sending a request signal and receives a reply signal if a code generator is in the vicinity and can be reached by the request signal, as indicated by the double arrows between the control device S and the transmit and receive units SE_i , SE_1 to SE_3 .

2. Please replace paragraph [0028] beginning page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] The transmit and receive units SE_1 to SE_3 cover three essentially different near-field sectors $A1'$ to $A1'''$ on lateral sides and a trunk area of the motor vehicle 1. A position area $A2$ and finally an outer area $A3$ are added at greater distance around the motor vehicle 1. Depending on a relevant distance d , the control device S assigns a defined function to each of the specified position areas.

3. Please replace paragraph [0029] beginning page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] In a quiescent state, the apparatus 2—sends out request signals at intervals, the frequency of said signals being greatly increased if a reply signal is received. If a person now moves along a broken line marked in the picture in Figure 11 in the direction of an arrow Pf

towards a driver's door of the motor vehicle 1, the control device S must reliably differentiate between a position C_2 and a position C_1 of a code generator, with reference to a relevant distance d_1 , d_2 , via the transmit and receive unit SE_1 on the basis of a large number of measured values so that, on the basis of a function which has already been executed and which belongs to the position area A2, the function of the position area A1' for increasing the convenience of use of the motor vehicle 1 can also now be reliably executed in the position C_1 by the control device S. Reference is hereby made to the whole of the disclosure of DE 100 64 141.5 for the possible functionality and advantages of securing a motor vehicle 1 against theft etc.